



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

James J Davis Elementary

Beaufort County

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 347

Principal: Donald Doggett

Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale

Board Chair: Fred Washington

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	NI
2007	Below Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT

0

GOOD

4

AVERAGE

6

BELOW AVERAGE

49

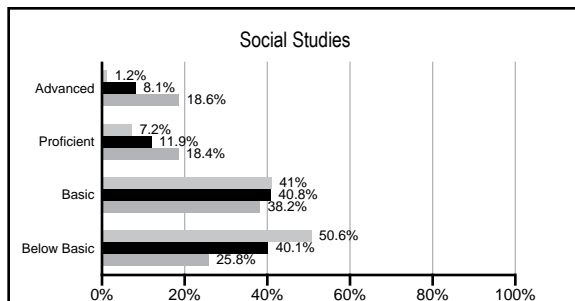
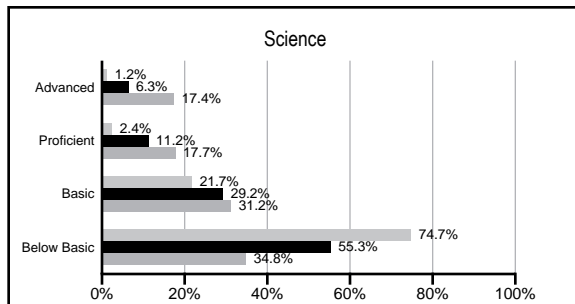
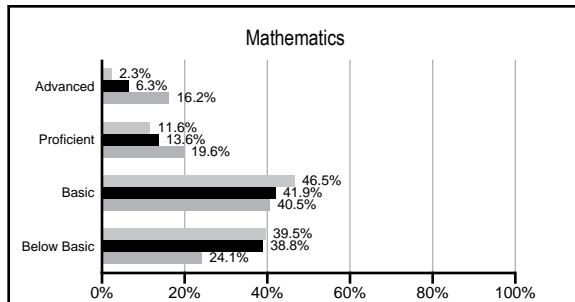
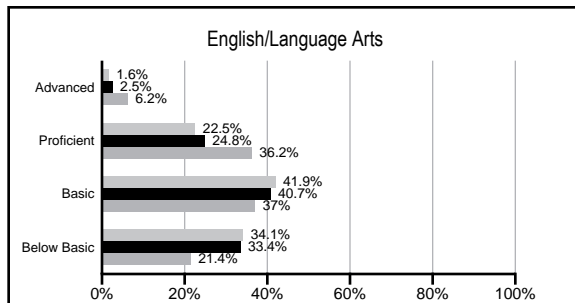
AT-RISK

61

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



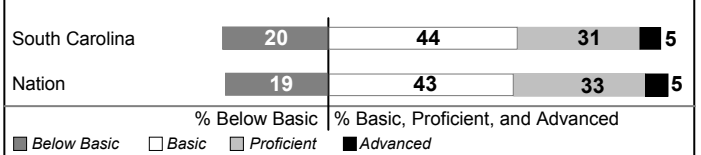
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



### MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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# James J Davis Elementary [Beaufort County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=347)</b>				
Retention rate	2.1%	Up from 1.8%	3.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.8%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	2.3%	Down from 4.5%	2.9%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	1.7%	Down from 2.6%	7.8%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=29)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.2%	Down from 56.7%	54.5%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	69.0%	Down from 80.0%	69.0%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.4%	Down from 79.8%	82.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Up from 93.1%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,816	Up 2.5%	\$43,876	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.0%	0.0%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	0.5	Down from 8.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.0 to 1	Down from 30.5 to 1	16.6 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.7%	Up from 85.8%	89.4%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	Down from Yes	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,635	Up 9.2%	\$8,172	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	69.0%	Down from 70.0%	68.5%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	66.7%	Down from 66.8%	61.0%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%		69.2%	85.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	15	65	26
Percent satisfied with learning environment	66.7%	95.4%	91.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	73.3%	85.7%	92.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.1%	86.2%	88.0%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

It is about teaching and learning at James J. Davis Elementary. Our school has made great strides and experienced significant progress in the 2007-2008 school year in many areas that support high student achievement. The school's motto, "Children Are At The Center of All We Do," has kept us focused, productive, and inspired.

Teaching reading and ensuring all students have the strategies to be successful was a major focus for all grades. MAP data indicates that the students are benefiting from the instructions of the teachers who are involved in the Reading First initiative. For example, our third grade students, who as kindergartners experienced the entire process, made the largest overall gains in reading.

The teaching staff engaged in numerous staff-development offerings that led to increased competencies in independent reading, reading comprehension, working with children in poverty, involving parents in their child's education, using SmartBoard technology, formative assessment, math problem solving, character development, differentiated instruction and mapping the curriculum.

All teachers demonstrated proficiency in technology and taught reading using small groups with leveled text. A school-wide effort to improve math achievement was organized around a math problem solving approach and a spiral math process in grades K-5.

Also, a three-times-a-week intervention procedure was implemented in grades 3-5 that included peer teaching and small, focused skill-development groups that used active, cooperative, hands-on higher-order thinking activities.

Our students were provided a wealth of extended learning opportunities which included field trips to the zoo, historical sites, swimming lessons, artist in residence, contests, musical and dramatic performances, visits to local beaches, animal habitats, and community-resource speakers and presenters. These events provided depth and real world experience to the students and made the curriculum standards come alive. We believe that enriching the lives of our students and expanding their view of the world while increasing their background knowledge will contribute not just to a greater mastery of state standards but will serve as a catalyst in making learning relevant and a life-long endeavor.

The community is a driving and vibrant force in the school's progress and participates in the school in ways that are purposeful and supports its goals and objectives. Family reading activities are supported and enhanced through the resources and involvement of community groups, enrichment activities are provided by various communities and individuals, and one hundred percent of our parents attended mandated conferences and most took the initiative to scheduled additional time with their child's teacher. The Sheldon Township Forum, a grassroots community organization, meets regularly at our school and the membership includes school personnel. Their focus on early childhood education and facilities is in alignment with the vision, mission, and values developed by the school.

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